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1. During the night of 10 February 1953, an undetermined number of tanks, guns and trucks left the Flak Kaserne in Wismar toward the town. ¹
2. At 5 p.m. on 22 February, 22 trucks occupied by troops and towing a total of seven AT guns were seen passing through Jaevenitz. On 25 February, about 100 vehicles occupied by troops and including some towing guns; and 14 T-34 and T-34/85 tanks were seen passing through Jaevenitz to the training area. At 1 p.m. on 27 February, 15 trucks occupied by troops came from the direction of Stendal. On 2 March, 24 trucks occupied by troops were seen en route toward Stendal. On 5 and 6 March, 1 T-34 and 1 T-34/85 tank were unloaded at the Jaevenitz railroad station. ²
3. At noon on 1 March, 15 trucks, 1 radio truck, 1 field kitchen and 25 boxcar-loads of soldiers wearing red-bordered black epaulets were entrained at the Fuerstenwalde railroad station. The trucks carried boxes and billeting equipment. The loading was supervised by a lieutenant colonel and another officer. ³
4. At 2 p.m. on 26 February, 24 new ambulances were seen in Magdeburg, coming from Hasselbachplatz and proceeding toward Strombruecke. At 1 p.m. on 2 March, about 50 trucks occupied by troops wearing black-bordered black and blue-bordered black epaulets, and carrying 20 pontoons; 6 motorboats, 1 tank truck and 1 radio truck left the Seeckt Kaserne, proceeding on Berliner Chaussee toward east. At 1:10 p.m., 25 flatcars and 30 boxcars were assembled at the Friedrichstrasse railroad station. At 5 p.m. on 3 March, a train consisting of 4 boxcars and an undetermined number of flatcars carrying 1 sedan, 15 trucks, and 4 medium AA guns was observed. The train left toward Biederitz at 5:40 p.m. ⁴
5. On 3 March, a train carrying 15 JSU-152 guns and an undetermined number of trucks and troops wearing red-bordered black epaulets was seen in Jueterbog en route toward Wittenberg. ⁵

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6. Between noon and 1 p.m. on 23 February, a 20-piece military band, soldiers carrying wreaths, 30 uniformed women, 150 officers, with the ranking officer being a colonel with artillery insignia, and 300 troops wearing red-bordered black epaulets and including 95 percent with artillery insignia and 5 percent with motor transport insignia, participated in a wreath depositing ceremony. The troops came from the Artillerie Kaserne in Burg. Sedans [redacted]

[redacted] were seen with the column. A 30-piece military band, a number of soldiers carrying wreaths, 30 uniformed women, 150 officers with tank insignia, including one colonel, and 600 troops wearing red-bordered black epaulets, mostly with tank insignia, and coming from the Panzer Kaserne also participated in the ceremony. Sedan [redacted] was seen with this column. On 2 March, 12 SP guns [redacted]

[redacted] and about 120 soldiers wearing red-bordered black epaulets were entrained at the Burg railroad station. The train left at 6:20 p.m. toward Magdeburg. ⁵

7. On 3 March, 24 x 152-mm artillery pieces with prime movers, and about 70 trucks, including some loaded with billeting equipment, were loaded at the Potsdam freight station. A sedan [redacted]

[redacted] was seen during the loading.

8. At 8:45 a.m. on 3 March, about 120 soldiers wearing red-bordered black epaulets, 2 officers, 11 caterpillar tractors, 11 x 122-mm field guns and 20 trucks with covered numbers were entrained at the Potsdam freight station. At 11:30 a.m., 13 caterpillar tractors, 13 x 122-mm field guns, 3 caterpillar tractors with trailers, each occupied by 40 soldiers wearing red-bordered black epaulets; and 20 trucks [redacted] were entrained [redacted]

[redacted] Twelve trucks, each occupied by about 25 soldiers who wore red-bordered black epaulets with motor transport insignia, were seen on Babelsberger Strasse. [redacted]

[redacted] At 1:30 p.m. on 7 March, 11 caterpillar tractors, 11 x 122-mm field guns, 15 trucks, each occupied by 20 soldiers wearing red-bordered black epaulets, and 6 trucks towing guns [redacted]

[redacted] were loaded at the Potsdam freight station. [redacted]

9. At 8:30 a.m. on 2 March, a train consisting of 9 boxcars and an undetermined number of flatcars carrying about 35 trucks, 1 radio truck, 1 jeep, 1 sedan, 1 ambulance, [redacted] and about 30 x 57-mm AT guns, was seen at the Jueterbog railroad station en route toward Beelitz. ⁸ On 5 March, 10 radio trucks towing two-axle trailers with dual tires and presumably carrying micro-wave radio sets type N were seen in Beelitz en route toward Potsdam. [redacted]

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10. At 9 a.m. on 6 March, about 40 trucks, 12 x about 50-mm AT guns [redacted]

[redacted] and 150 soldiers wearing red-bordered black epaulets and carrying baggage, were entrained at the Neuhaldensleben railroad station. ¹⁰

11. [redacted] Comment. Probably units of the 208th Gds Mtz Rifle Regt and the 199th Gds Gun Arty Regt of the 94th Gds Mtz Rifle Div who left for the known exercises in the Schwerin-Wittstock area.

12. [redacted] Comment. The vehicles probably belonged to units of the 207th Mtz Rifle Div from Stendal which, since mid-January, have been rotated to the northern part of Letzling Heath for short-term exercises. [redacted]

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4. Comment. Probably units of the 36th Pon Bridge Regt of the GOFG who went for exercises in early March. The railroad cars probably had been assembled for the shipment on 3 March, which presumably involved units of the 3d Gds AAA Div, which may have gone to Wustrow for firing practice. Firing practices started at the Wustrow firing range in mid-February. 25X1
5. [redacted] 25X1
6. Comment. The ceremony commemorating the anniversary of the foundation of the Soviet Army probably involved elements of the 304th Arty Brig [redacted] and the unidentified AAA regiment of the LXXIX Mtz Rifle Corps carried in the Artillerie Kaserne and elements of the 136th Gds Hv Tank SP Regt of the Third Shock Army stationed in the Panzer Kaserne. The troops loaded on 2 March belonged to the latter regiment. It is possible that, as in 1952, advanced combat firing practices were to be held in the Letzling Heath or at Altengrabow. 25X1
7. Comment. [redacted] four shipments of units of the 34th Arty Div [redacted] went from Potsdam to Genthin on 3 March. The train observed on 7 March also carried elements of the division and possibly also went to the Altengrabow area. 25X1
8. Comment. The train fairly definitely carried units of the 2d Light Arty Brig [redacted], which returned from Forst Zinna to Doeberitz upon completion of advanced combat practice firing. [redacted] 25X1
9. Comment. The column probably belonged to a signal unit of the GOFG which presumably carried micro-wave equipment. 25X1
10. Comment. The loading involved units of the 20th Arty AT Arty Brig [redacted] which went to the south section of Letzling Heath on 3 March, probably for advanced combat practice firing. [redacted] 25X1

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